



American Guild of Organists

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THOUGHTS FROM THE DEAN...

It is difficult for me to believe that I am already well into my second month as Dean of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The time already spent "on the job" has been exciting and rewarding. I have attended three meetings of the Program Committee, and am most grateful to the members of this committee for planning some interesting and educational programs for the coming year. How will YOU fit into the scheme of the upcoming program year? Making plans to attend meetings of interest to you is the first thing to do. Then, you might consider being part of the program for one meeting - or more. There is always the opportunity to assist with hospitality at one or more, of the year's meetings. In fact, there are many areas of service - just like in each of our churches. If everyone found his or her "niche" for the coming year, we would all be overwhelmed!

I want to thank the outgoing officers, and thank them for their dedication during the past year: Dean - George French; Sub-Dean - Bradley Steen; Secretary - Marge Possehl; Treasurer - Lloyd Collins. Likewise, I am thankful to the following people who will be serving with me on the Executive Board during the coming year: Sub-Dean - Jack Close; Secretary - Susan Clambey; Treasurer - Bradley Steen. As you may remember, it has taken quite some time to secure a treasurer, however, I know that Bradley will do a fine job as he assumes this new office.

You need the AGO (American Guild of Organists), and the AGO needs YOU! Most of you receiving this issue of PIPELINE may have never heard of our organization. One of the great benefits of joining AGO is to receive our monthly publication, The American Organist. If you've never seen this publication, you would enjoy it immediately! There's something in it for everyone: articles, choral and organ music reviews, job listings, information on new instruments, and so forth. The AGO also involves itself in education - how we as members can be better church musicians, how we can better work with our pastors and church staff. The AGO is also a "social" time in which we can get together and share ideas, thoughts, and concerns. Church music can - but need not be - a pretty lonely profession, in that we plan music and practice, most of the time, by ourselves.

If you have not already done so, I would ask that you return the sheet in this newsletter indicating your willingness to assist with various programs for the coming year, as well as serving on committees of interest to you. EVERYONE joining AGO this coming year also needs to return the Membership Application/Renewal Form in this newsletter, along with a check for your dues, payable to Red River Valley Chapter, AGO. If at all possible, please return these forms (staple them together and send them both at once, if you'd like) and your check by September 23, or bring everything to the first AGO meeting.

At any time, if you have questions, concerns, or comments about AGO, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact me. This is not MY AGO chapter, but it is OUR AGO chapter. We all need to work together and make this organization strong and vital. I have been telling people off and on during the summer that I would like to see 200 members in our chapter. We certainly have 200 church musicians (organists, choir directors, handbell choir directors, church soloists) within a 100-mile radius of Fargo-Moorhead who would benefit from AGO membership - I can feel it!

Sincerely,

Michael Olson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Lake Agassiz Arts Council (LAAC), along with the Heritage-Hjemkomst Interpretive Center, is collaborating with the Moorhead Chamber of Commerce to host a NEW FACULTY RECEPTION. This event will welcome new teachers and their families from Moorhead State University, Concordia, Moorhead Tech, and all Moorhead Public and Private schools. The time and place for this event is Thursday, September 20, 5:00 to 7:00, at the Hjemkomst Center. LAAC members, of which AGO is one, are asked to have display tables set up and have a volunteer or two available to answer questions. If anyone is interested, PLEASE contact Michael Olson at 235-7389(work) or 293-0284(home) as soon as possible. Since this event is held BEFORE our first meeting of the year, the plea for help must go out through the newsletter. Thank you!!

More information will be upcoming on the Arts Fair to be held at the West Acres Regional Center (that's the mall!) on October 25, 26, and 27. Booths from many area arts organizations will be on display; it is really fascinating to see everything in regards to the arts "under one roof" for those three days! Volunteers will be needed to be at the AGO booth, answering any questions people might have. Our members who have worked at the booth in past years have really enjoyed this experience. If you wish to volunteer before the September 23 meeting, please call Michael Olson at one of the aforementioned phone numbers. Otherwise, be ready and willing to volunteer on September 23 when asked!



Bring a Friend to AGO!

AGO HANDBELL CHOIR

The AGO Handbell Choir has started rehearsals already and we are having a lot of fun. However, there is always room for ALOT more people! Persons interested in being a part of the AGO Handbell Choir are asked to call Judy Sanders at 236-0269 (home) or 233-4980 (work) to reserve a position. Rehearsals will begin on September 17 on Monday nights at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1500 Sixth Street South, Moorhead, MN (2 blocks south of Concordia Music Hall).

WORKSHOP UPDATE

June 10th-14th a workshop was held at Concordia College for young organists. The workshop lasted for 5 days. Twenty-three young organists attended. The workshop entailed recitals, classes in music fundamentals, choral singing, techniques on the basics of organ playing, and private lessons on organ and piano. Morning Chapel services were held each morning at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

The kids had a great week with activities including an organ crawl to several area churches, a visit to the Fargo Theater, a barbecue, and several other events. The instructors were Peter Nygaard, Judy Sanders, Mike Olson, Berkley Guse, Dr. David Childs and Dr. Christopher Cock. A wonderful, exciting, exhilarating week was had by all!

Also, a 2-day Adult Organ workshop was held at Concordia College June 15 and 16. Eighty-three adults attended from all over the United States. The participants were exposed to all aspects of organ playing. Some of the highlights of the week were an organ recital by the instructors - Peter Nygaard, Judy Sanders, and Berkley Guse; and a discussion on Professional Concerns led by Dr. Rodney Rothlisberger. With 83 people attending it was quite a busy day for the 3 instructors but it was a wonderful, enjoyable 2 days. The comments were very enthusiastic and positive.

DID YOU SEE "THE" ARTICLES IN THE FORUM?

Some people do not have daily subscriptions to The Forum, and some people may be out-of-town or vacationing. On Friday, July 13, a rather lengthy article was printed in The Forum entitled "Shortage of Church Organists Evident in Fargo-Moorhead". While there may have been some "misquotes" or "reading between the lines" in regards to the organist shortage, the article seemed to get people talking - lay people, by and large - in the area. (It was most interesting that the next Friday, July 20, there was another article about organists. This time, the article mentioned two elderly blind organists - very interesting in itself - who volunteered their services at their respective churches. Did the two articles cancel themselves out, perhaps?)

Deadline for the next
PIPELINE is October 1.

PAUL MANZ IN RECITAL!

On Sunday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m., United Lutheran Church in Grand Forks is sponsoring a Recital & Hymn Festival with renowned organist Paul Manz. Tickets for the event are \$5.00 for adults, and \$2.00 for students. For tickets, send a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to the church.

United Lutheran Church
324 Chestnut Street
Grand Forks, ND 58201
Phone: 1-701-775-4279

All people are encouraged to attend this exciting event and stay for the reception following. Please make every effort to attend this wonderful event!!!

ORGAN WORKSHOP AND DEDICATION IN ALEXANDRIA

Dr. John Ferguson from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN will be leading a workshop for church organists on Saturday, September 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. The registration fee of \$15 includes coffee and a noon lunch. Participants are asked to pre-register by September 1 by writing to the church at 9th and Douglas, Alexandria, MN 56308 or by calling 612-762-2196.

The new Holtkamp pipe organ at that church will be dedicated on Sunday, September 16 beginning at 2:00 p.m. (Since many of us have church services until noon or after, we will have to drive quickly to arrive there by 2:00!) Scott Reidel, acoustical consultant from Milwaukee, WI, will be available to answer questions relating to the organ and its installation.

LET US KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING!

This AGO chapter is only as strong as each individual member. Likewise, this newsletter is only as full (and informative) as the quantity of articles received by the newsletter editor, Judy Sanders. Please remember that Judy does not write the articles - YOU do!! You will want to note her deadline for the next issue each month, and act accordingly. If your article reaches her too late for inclusion in the issue, she will save your news for the next issue. It's never too early to submit articles and news - but it might be too late if you procrastinate!!!

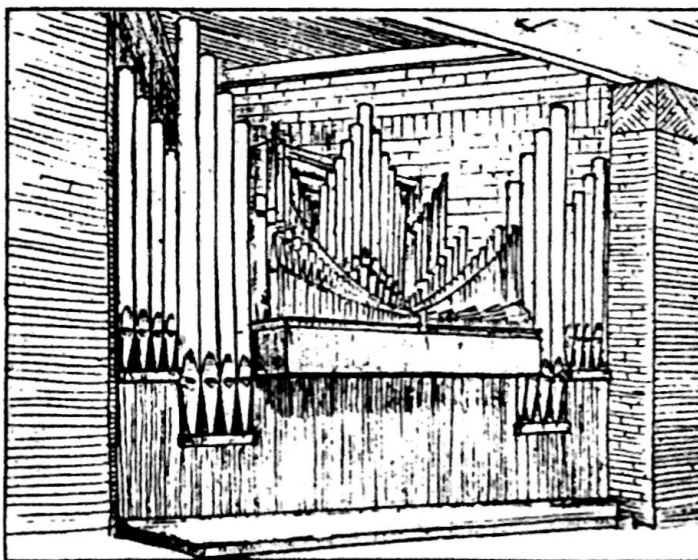
MARK DAHLBERG IS PROUD AS A PEACOCK!

From that headline, you're probably thinking that Mark's wife had a baby! Well, Mark is not even married - but one could say that Mark has given birth to a rather large baby. Mark's new organ at Hope Lutheran Church in Fargo has been installed recently. The instrument looks and sounds wonderful! If you have not been to the church to see and/or hear the organ, please do so at your earliest convenience. More information on the organ's dedication will be available at the September 23 meeting.

NEW CATHEDRAL IS GETTING A ONE OF A KIND INSTRUMENT

What has 1,790 pipes, weighs 12,000 pounds and produces sounds softer than a flute and larger than a full orchestra? It's the electro-pneumatic organ being installed at the new Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston. The new Reuter organ is being installed by David Salmen of the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, KS.

Although the installation and tuning should be completed by the end of August, the official dedication and recital are scheduled for October 14. Dr. John Walker of Riverside Church in New York City will play a concert at the Cathedral.



ORGANIST WANTED

Federated Church (Presbyterian Church, USA and United Church of Christ) of Fergus Falls, MN is looking for an organist who will accompany the senior choir and play for all worship services. If interested, please call (218) 739-3227.

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Oct. 21 - Jamestown

Oct. 14 - Crookston



Oct. 1 - deadline.

Oct. 26-27 - Astoria

Oct. 28th - 5pm - Hope Lutheran.

PIPEDREAMS

Sunday, Sept. 2, 1990 - 9:30 p.m. ...with Michael Barone... Chicago, Chicago: some interesting and curious old instruments from the Windy City heard in performances digitally recorded during an Organ Historical Society convention.

Sunday, Sept. 9, 1990 - 9:30 p.m. ...Messiaen's Meditations: organist Charles Tompkins performs Olivier Messiaen's "Meditations on the Mystery of the Holy Trinity," a monumental cycle of thoughtful impressions of the Divine Spirit.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 1990 - 9:30 p.m. ...Bach at Holy Cross College: Baroque masterworks played by John Finney, Julia Harlow, and Carol Tate Spragens on the monumental Taylor and Broody instrument in Worcester.

Sunday, Sept. 23, 1990 - 9:30 p.m. ...The People's Choice: original compositions, phenomenal transcriptions, and exceptional interpretations of the one hugely popular recitalist Edwin H. Lemare, introduced by biographer Nelsen Barden, with additional help from Frederick Hohman.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 1990 - 9:30 p.m. ...For One Or Two To Play: solos and duets by Tompkins, Bach, Schubert, Beethoven, and

others performed by Carole Terry, Timothy Nickel, and Nancy LeRoi Nickel on the spectacular Fritts-Richard organ at St. Alphonses Church, Seattle.

Sunday, October 7, 1990 - 9:30 p.m. ...with Michael Barone... Going On Record: our quarterly research into the world of new organ recordings.

Sunday, October 14, 1990 - 9:30 p.m. ...Organs Off Broadway: concert performances by Walter Hilse, Paul-Martin Maki, Cristina Banegas, Cherry Rhodes, and Ladd Thomas recorded in New York City.

Sunday, October 21, 1990 - 9:30 p.m. ...Prehistoric Perorations: persuasive sonic arguments against the misguided notion that worthwhile organ repertoire begins with Bach. Tonight's works all predate him!

Sunday, October 28, 1990 - 9:30 p.m. ... Slee Hall Inaugural: dedication performances by David Fuller, Roland Martin, Daniel Chorzempa, Michael Burke, and Barbara Harbach on the new C.B. Fisk organ at the University of Buffalo in New York.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES RENEWAL NOTICE: 1990-1991

Mail to: Bradley Steen, Treasurer
Red River Valley Chapter - AGO
P.O. Box 2223
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Please mail your dues check with this form by September 23, 1990. Make your check payable to Red River Valley Chapter, AGO. Contributions beyond dues are also tax deductible in the manner and to the extent provided by law.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (check one)

- _____ Regular Voting Member (\$22 local + \$24 national) \$46 _____
- _____ Special (over 65, under 21, full-time student,
or disabled -- \$13 local + \$15 national) \$28 _____
- _____ Partner (2 members at same address,
1 subscription to The American Organist)
First Member (\$20 local + \$24 national) \$46 _____
Second Member \$22 local + \$12 national) \$34 _____
- _____ Dual (paid directly to second chapter; list
primary chapter here _____) \$15 _____
- _____ Chapter Subscribing Member (Chapter dues only; no magazine) \$20 _____
- Contribution _____
- TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

NAME _____ TITLE/AGO CERTIFICATE _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHURCH AND POSITIONS(S) _____

TELEPHONE: (Home) _____ (Office) _____ (Church) _____

SUBSTITUTE LIST: Organ - W / F / S Vocal/Choral - W / F / S Handbells - W / F / S
(Circle appropriate categories above: W= Wedding; F = Funeral; S = Service)
Fargo-Moorhead () Surrounding Area ()

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

(By signing this renewal form, members agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the American Guild of Organists.)

PROGRAMS FOR 1990-1991

PLEASE SIGN UP IN YOUR INTEREST AREA AND RETURN THIS!!

Sunday, September 23 - 4:00 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo

Get acquainted; wear your favorite summer T-shirts(!);

share pictures; report on summer activities;

installation of officers

Co-Chairs: Joan Bystol, Carolyn Hensrud

Program _____

Hospitality _____

Sunday, October 21 - 4:00 p.m.

Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Fargo

Mini-workshop on Children's and Youth Choirs

Chair: Margery Possehl

Program _____

Hospitality _____

Sunday, November 18 - 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Fargo

Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival

Co-Chairs: Gary Thrasher, Margery Possehl

Program _____

Hospitality _____

Sunday, January 6

Epiphany Party

Time and location to be announced

Hospitality _____

Sunday, January 27 - 4:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead

Organ Demonstrations for Outstanding Piano Students

Chair: Michael Olson

Program _____

Hospitality _____

Sunday, February 17 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, Fargo

Workshop (in conjunction with F-M Communiversity)

by recitalist John Obetz

Hospitality _____

Monday, February 18 - 7:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, Fargo

Recital by John Obetz (flyers and more information later)

Co-Chairs: Becky teVelde, Michael Olson

Program _____

Hospitality _____

Sunday, March 10 - 4:00 p.m.

Location to be announced

Music for Organ and Instruments plus Election of Officers

Chair: Mercedes Roos

Program _____

Hospitality _____

Sunday, April 21 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Fargo

Certification Process

Chair: Becky teVelde

Program _____

Hospitality _____

Sunday, May 19 - afternoon

Spring Sing and Installation of Officers

Cottage of Lance and Judy Johnson

Program _____

Hospitality _____

COME TO OUR FIRST MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"WHERE WERE YOU THIS SUMMER & WHAT DID YOU DO?"

Please join us on Sunday, September 23, 1990 at 4 PM
at Messiah Lutheran Church



2010 Elm Street North, Fargo

Wear your favorite travel t-shirt and bring pictures or souvenirs to share with the group. Please call Carolyn Hensrud at 280-2189 if you are willing to make a brief presentation about your trip. If you found some marvelous music, please bring that also.

Co-Chairs: Joan Bystol & Carolyn Hensrud

A.G.O. National Convention

Europe!




See you the 23rd!

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

ARCHIVE _____

AUDITING/FINANCE _____

EDUCATION _____

HOSPITALITY _____

HYMN FESTIVAL _____

LONG-RANGE PLANNING _____

NOMINATING _____

PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS _____

PUBLICITY _____

RECITAL _____

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL _____

(to be held during the 1991-1992 program year)

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST _____

Please fold, stamp, seal (with tape or staple), and return at your earliest convenience to the address below. Thank you very much!

Michael Olson, Dean
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